Thai - Oshie Handicraft

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously asked Mr. Taruo Yomura, a Japanese artisan, to teach Thai – Oshie Handicraft to disabled veterans. At present, disabled veterans who have been treated at Veterans General Hospital (VGH) gain more expert skills and are capable of making beautiful and unique handicrafts, resulting Thai – Oshie Handicrafts are well – known and accepted to the general public.

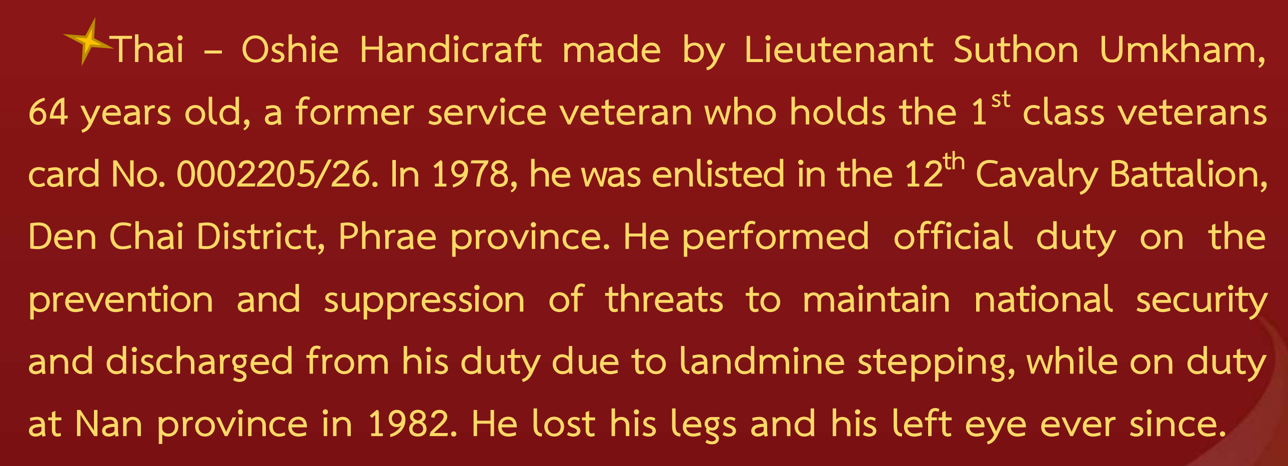






ANGEL PLAYS THE PHIN





Thai – Oshie Handicraft made by Lieutenant Suthon Umkham, 64 years old, a former service veteran who holds the 1st class veterans card No. 0002205/26. In 1978, he was enlisted in the 12th Cavalry Battalion, Den Chai District, Phrae province. He performed official duty on the prevention and suppression of threats to maintain national security and discharged from his duty due to landmine stepping, while on duty at Nan province in 1982. He lost his legs and his left eye ever since.

Battle area: Attack the enemy's stronghold at Bo Kluea District, Nan province

Battalion Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Udomchai Ongkasing

Phin is a kind of stringed musical instrument originated in the Northeastern Thailand. Phin is similar to a lute but smaller. It is classified as a string instrument which has two or three strings and made to be played with thin sheet material such as bamboo strips or guitar pick. Nowadays, it is often used to play in the Pong Lang band, Lam Sing band or Country Folk band.











THE THAI-OSHIE ARTWORK

Intending to expand more career opportunities for the disabled veterans, in October, 1979 Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn assigned a Japanese art instructor from Chitralada school, Mr.Teruo Yomura to teach the Thai-Oshie artwork for disabled veterans.The Thai-Oshie artwork is the unique and well-known craft made by the veterans. It is an exquisited 3D fabric picture, which combines the beauty of traditional Thai and Japanese arts.



THE FINE ART OF WOODCARVING

H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej granted an initiationfor the establishment of the vocational training center at Phramongkutklao Hospital, providing woodcarving training for disabled veterans as a guideline for their future careers after retirement. On 9th October, 1970 H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej presided over the opening of the Medical Division Building The War Veterans Organization of Thailand Under Royal Patronage of H.M. the King (the current Veterans General Hospital) and continued the woodcarving training for disabled veterans.













Currently, The Vocational Training Center of Physical Medince and Rehabilitation Division provides more variable training courses such as decoupage, astrology, watercolor painting, oil painting, etc. that are suitable for individual interests and disabilities.

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